Typhoid Epidemic.

453 ❋ **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of deaths from typhoid fever in Chirayinkil taluk in 1117 up to the end of Mithunam ; and

(*b*) the measures they have adopted to check the spread of typhoid epidemic in the villages of Kadakavoor, Vakkom, Kaikara and Nedunganda in Chirayinkil taluk ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI : (*a*) 31.

(*b*) Preventive measures such as inoculation of contacts, disinfection of infected houses and chlorination of wells and other water sources are being carried out. A Sanitary Inspector with headquarters at Kadakavoor has been detailed for this purpose. Up to the 29th Mithunam 1117, 1019 inoculations were done in Kadakavoor pakuthy ; 325 wells were chlorinated and 194 houses were disinfected. Anti-typhoid propaganda by means of pamphlets and talks is also carried out.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether the disease is now under control ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI : I claim notice.

Supply of oil for lighting purposes.

451. ❋**MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken for ensuring regular supply of oil for lighting purposes for the people of the State under existing war conditions ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : The supply of kerosene oil is now limited to nearly half the quantity formerly available and consistent with this limited supply, arrangements have been made with the Oil Agencies for proper distribution of the oil for lighting purposes.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : What are the other varieties of oil ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : Laurel oil, cocoanut oil, ground nut oil, etc.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know in what measure they will be avilable to the people ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : That is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know who are the oil agencies ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : The Burmah Shell and the A. P. C.

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